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Title: **BLENDING TOOL WITH AN ADJUSTABLE  
COLLISION PROFILE AND METHOD OF ADJUSTING  
THE COLLISION PROFILE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, the  
following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with  
the above-identified application.